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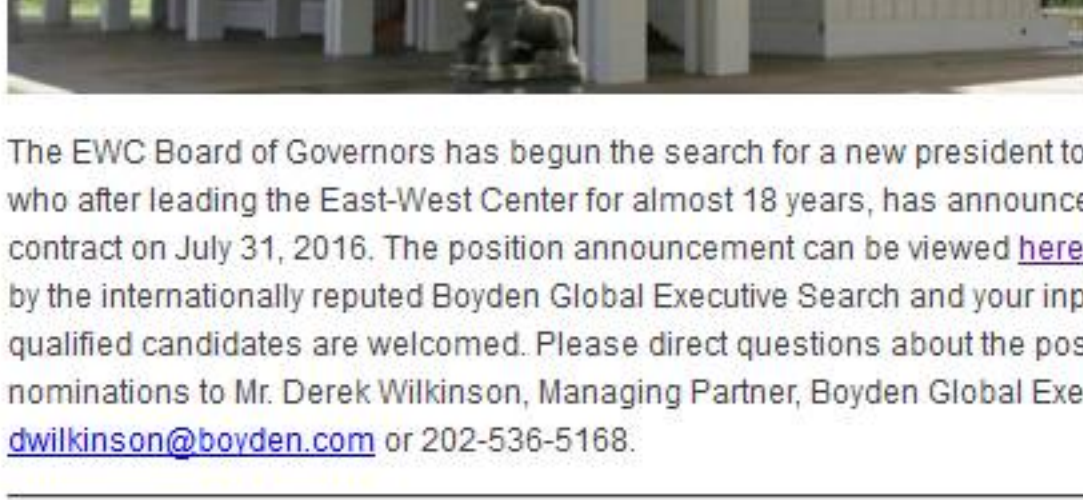
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PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT AQUINO ADDRESSES EWC/EWCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Participants in the recent EWC/EWCA International conference in Manila were delighted to learn that the conference keynote speaker was none other than Philippines President Benigno S. Aquino III. Aquino currently has two EWC alumni in his cabinet. Aquino said he believes that EWC and its alumni can play an active role in bridging international divides "by enriching the means by which we communicate, promoting more positive insights about one another, and facilitating a deeper appreciation for both our similarities and diversities." Get the full conference wrap-up [here](#).

SEARCH BEGINS FOR NEW EAST-WEST CENTER PRESIDENT



The EWC Board of Governors has begun the search for a new president to succeed Dr. Charles E. Morrison, who after leading the East-West Center for almost 18 years, has announced his retirement at the end of his contract on July 31, 2016. The position announcement can be viewed [here](#). The search is being managed by the internationally reputed Boyden Global Executive Search and your input and suggested names of qualified candidates are welcomed. Please direct questions about the position, the process, and any nominations to Mr. Derek Wilkinson, Managing Partner, Boyden Global Executive Search, at dwilkinson@boyden.com or 202-536-5168.

EWC BOARD ELECTS RICHARD TURBIN AS CHAIRMAN



Members of the East-West Center's Board of Governors have elected Honolulu attorney **Richard Turbin** to serve as the board's new chairman. At a meeting in early February, the board named Turbin, a member of the board since 2011, to succeed **R. Brian Tsujimura**, who had served his maximum term as chairman. Tsujimura will remain on the board as co-Vice Chair, along with re-appointed Vice Chair **Margaret Carpenter**, and as Chair of the Development Committee. In addition, Bank of Hawaii's CEO **Peter Ho** and former Hawaii's Chief Justice **Ronald T.Y. Moon** have joined the board as appointees of Gov. David Ige. [...more...](#)

GRAD STUDENTS FROM 21 COUNTRIES GATHER AT STUDENT-RUN CONFERENCE



More than 95 graduate students from 21 nations gathered at EWC on Feb. 11-13 to present research at the Center's student-run International Graduate Student Conference. The conference's keynote speaker, Ambassador **Amanda Ellis**, an EWC alumna (OG 1986-'90) and head of New Zealand's mission to the United Nations in Geneva, spoke on the UN's new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [...more...](#)

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

John F. Copper (ISI 1962-'64/EWC Board of Governors 1983-'89) has recently published a [three-volume book series](#) on China's foreign aid and investment diplomacy. The book traces how China's approach has evolved since Beijing launched its foreign aid diplomacy at the time of the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.



Ashima Kaul (Changing Faces 2008) was among 100 Indian women achievers honored by both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg in January for making an important difference in their communities. Ashima works with diverse women's and children's groups in Jammu and Kashmir to promote reconciliation and peace.

As a result of a published article about COP21, written as part of an academic project at Universidade de Brasilia, **Paulo Nobre** (SUSI 2015) and **Killian Grippon** (SUSI 2014) were selected by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take part on the Brazilian Official delegation to the 21st Conference of the Parties.

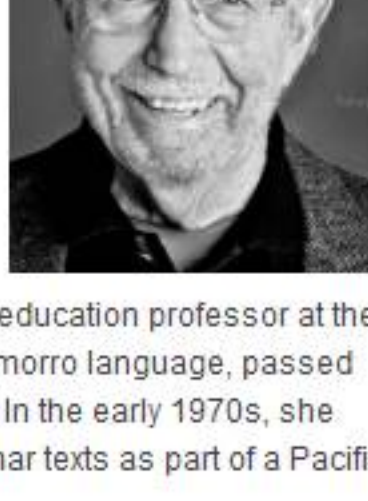


Abdul Rahman Zaghloul (SUSI 2011, 2012) received a 2015 BADIR fellowship for his [Bread4Education](#) initiative to support education for Jordan's underprivileged students while reducing food waste. The initiative engages Amman youth in collecting leftover bread from schools, restaurants and homes, which is then sold to animal farmers as feed. Profits from the venture are used to provide scholarships to students in need.

IN MEMORIAM



Popular Micronesian "goodwill ambassador" **Bermin F. Weilbacher** (ISI 1962-'66), who was a district administrator in the former U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific and later chief of staff to Federated States of Micronesia President Bailey Olter, passed away last month. (Read his [obituary](#) in Marianas Variety.) Born on the small island of Kosrae, he met his wife, **Phiengphen (Penny)** (ISI 1963-'65), a Thai student at the EWC, while they were both EWC participants.



Award-winning photographer and journalist **Bill Snead** (Japan-US Journalists Exchange Program, 2000) passed away last month at his home in Kansas. Bill spent most of his career traveling the globe and covering many high-profile assignments for the Washington Post, National Geographic and others before his retirement in 2007.



Bernadita Camacho Dungca (CLI 1972-'73 and '82-'83), education professor at the University of Guam and a prominent advocate of the Chamorro language, passed away in February. (Read her [obituary](#) in Marianas Variety.) In the early 1970s, she helped write a Chamorro language dictionary and grammar texts as part of a Pacific Languages Development program at EWC.

Renee Isidro (ISI 1963-'65) passed away in November in Honolulu. She had been a longtime speech pathologist in northern California.

CHAPTER UPDATES



Beijing Chapter - The Beijing chapter continues to gain momentum with 30 new members added to their WeChat group, now almost 90 in total. In October, APLP alumni welcomed APLP G15 during their field study stop in Beijing. In December, the Beijing Chapter held a social event where 12 alums shared life and career stories and their current projects, Save the Children in China, Peide School, and Bounce to name a few. Former and current chapter Communication Liaison **Mr. PAN Zhongming** (1994-'95) and **Sherie Cui** (2001-'03) talked about the chapter's history and its recent revitalization.

Jakarta Chapter - In cooperation with the American Studies Graduate Program University of Indonesia, the EWCA Jakarta, Indonesia Chapter conducted two public lectures at the Institute for Advancement of Science, Technology and Humanity at UI Salemba Campus and a workshop on cultural diversity led by EWC Asia Pacific Leadership fellows visiting Indonesia.



Karachi Chapter - In late January, members met to discuss chapter activities. Recent activities have included a dinner with visiting EWC journalism exchange participants, a first aid workshop, and a tea gathering for visiting alumni. Ideas for future activities included holding a lecture series based on the expertise of the members present, as well as organizing various fundraising events to help support community work.



New Delhi Chapter - In February, EWC President Charles E. Morrison, along with Director of External Affairs Karen Knudsen and Media Program Manager Susan Kreifels, met with members of the EWCA alumni chapter in New Delhi. The Center delegation was in the Indian capital for meetings regarding the upcoming [EWC International Media Conference](#) which will be held there this coming September. Pictured with them are Delhi Chapter President **Dr. Shyam Agrawal** (seated front left) and other chapter members and their spouses, along with U.S. Embassy Press Spokesperson Joseph Kruzich and representatives of media conference partner KIIT University.



Okinawa Chapter - Members of Chapter were invited to the ceremony hosted by the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Sister-State Relations between the State of Hawaii and Okinawa Prefecture of Japan in October 2015. Okinawa Governor Onaga invited Hawaii State Governor Ige to Okinawa for this event. U.S. Ambassador to Okinawa, Caroline Kennedy attended the ceremony and gave a few words of congratulations as well.

Southern California Chapter - The chapter held a holiday season party on Dec. 12, hosted by members **Sushma** and **Vijay Trehan**. About 20 members attended the festive gathering, including several more recent EWC alumni.

Washington, D.C. Chapter - The DC chapter headed by **Jacob Dowd** welcomed APLP fellows at a happy hour on December 9th. In January they designated email address ewcalumni.dc@gmail.com as the Chapter's email contact.

EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

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- LinkedIn**
[EWC Alumni and Community LinkedIn Group](#)
- East-West Center Community**
[East-West Center Community](#)
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